

2/17 PALM BEACH DVE
PATTERSON LAKES 3195
JULY 30TH. 2001

DEAR GEORGE

GREAT TO GET YOUR LETTER & AS YOU SAID
AFTER 60 YEARS WHERE DOES ONE START, PERHAPS AT
THE BEGINNING.

DAD'S JOB WAS IN THE LANDS DEPT. OF THE
VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT & HE WAS MOVED ABOUT A BIT.
MAX & MYSELF WERE BORN IN TALLAGATTA, THEN WE
MOVED TO "SPUD" COUNTRY AT KOOWEERUP, AFTER
THAT IT WAS ORMOND - MELBOURNE.

JUST BEFORE THE WAR DAD WAS POSTED TO
BALLARAT AS INSPECTOR OF LANDS. BUT AS SOON AS WAR
WAS DECLARED HE WAS APPOINTED MANPOWER OFFICER.
BOTH MAX & MYSELF WERE EDUCATED IN BALLARAT
MAX AT THE SCHOOL OF MINES & ME AT BALLARAT HIGH
SCHOOL. DURING OUR STAY IN BALLARAT YOUR BROTHER
DICK WAS SENT TO A TRAINING CAMP UP THERE WHEN
THE AMERICAN TROOPS WERE BEING BILLETED IN OUR
HOMES. HE MANAGED TO GET TO OUR PLACE FOR DINNER
ONE NIGHT, MY 15TH BIRTHDAY & I WAS VERY PROUD
TO HAVE A VERY LARGE COMMANDO TURN UP ON THE
DOORSTEP WITH A BUNCH OF FLOWERS.

MAX JOINED THE AIR - CORPS WHILST STILL AT
SCHOOL BUT ENDED UP JOINING THE NAVY JUST BEFORE
THE WAR ENDED, AS YOU KNOW. HE WENT BACK TO HIS
INTEREST IN FLYING IN LATER YEARS & GOT HIS

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PILOTS LICENCE + GOT A LOT OF ENJOYMENT OUT OF IT. HE WORKED FOR AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FIRM + WAS EVENTUALLY POSTED TO PERTH, WHERE HE FINISHED OUT HIS WORKING LIFE. HIS FIRST MARRIAGE PRODUCED TWO DAUGHTERS SUSAN + JULIE. SUSAN MARRIED A COMMERCIAL PILOT + THEY HAD TWO DAUGHTERS PIER + GEORGIA. THAT ENDED IN DIVORCE + SHE RE-MARRIED A GUY WITH TWO DAUGHTERS, SO SHE HAS ENDED UP LOOKING AFTER 4. JULIE ALSO MARRIED BUT TO OUR DISMAY THEY BECAME INVOLVED IN DRUGS, HE OVERDOSED + ABOUT 5 YEARS DOWN THE TRACK SO DID SHE. THEY HAD 1 DAUGHTER, NATALIE, WHO IS NOW 19 + LIVES IN BRISBANE.

MAX WAS DIVORCED + RE-MARRIED IN 1977 TO JUDY WHO IS STILL ALIVE + LIVES IN MOOROOKBARK. A + WAS NOT WELL WHEN THEY CAME BACK FROM PERTH + WAS DIAGNOSED WITH EMPHYSEMA. HE WAS A SMOKER + I DON'T THINK THE ASBESTOS IN THE SHIPS DID ANY GOOD EITHER. HE REALLY STRUGGLED FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS + WAS CONFINED TO THE HOUSE ON OXYGEN MOST OF THE LAST YEAR. HE DIED IN 1998, AGED 71.

DAD DIED IN 1963 AGED 66 + MUM DIED IN 1985 AGED 83. I LIVED WITH MUM UNTIL SHE DIED + IT WAS A BIT OF A STRUGGLE TO WORK FULL TIME + LOOK AFTER HER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

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SHE HAD ALZHEIMERS + IT WAS NOT EASY TO HANDLE, SO I RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK AT AGED 50 + WORKED PART TIME FOR 3 YEARS THEN GAVE IT AWAY FOR THE LAST YEAR OF HER LIFE.

IN MY EARLIER LIFE AFTER SCHOOL I WORKED FOR STOCKBROKERS + ENJOYED MANY YEARS OF VERY EXCITING TIMES, THROUGH THE DISCOVERY OF OIL, URANIUM + BOOM MARKETS. I ALSO MANAGED TO TAKE 12 MONTHS OFF WORK IN 1961/62 + MY FRIEND BARBARA + I TOOK OFF FOR THE UK + EUROPE. WE HAD A GREAT TIME.

AFTER RETURNING IT WAS VERY HARD TO SETTLE DOWN TO THE OLD ROUTINE, BUT I GOT BACK TO BROKERING AGAIN + WORKED VERY HARD + LONG HOURS THROUGH THE BOOM TIMES IN THE 60'S. I LEFT BROKERING + JOINED AN ACCOUNTANT IN THE LATTER PART OF MY WORKING LIFE, LOOKING AFTER SHARE REGISTERS.

MY FRIEND BARBARA LIVED WITH HER DAD UNTIL HE DIED IN 1986, SO AFTER LOOKING AROUND A BIT, WE DECIDED TO SELL MY HOUSE IN SURREY HILLS, + MINE IN EAST MALVERN + BUY A BLOCK AT PATTERSON LAKES WHICH ARE MAN MADE WATERWAYS + ARE TIDAL. SO WE HAVE TWO UNITS, ONE EACH, ON ONE BLOCK, ON SALT WATER WHICH CHANGES TWICE A DAY WITH THE TIDES.

WE HAVE BOTH RETIRED + BELONG TO PATTERSON RIVER COUNTRY CLUB. SHE PLAYS BOWLS + I PLAY GOLF

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ITS A PRETTY GOOD LIFESTYLE. FOUR YEARS AGO I WAS NOT 100% & HAD AN OPERATION ON MY RIGHT CAROTID ARTERY TO PREVENT A STROKE, IT TOOK ME ABOUT 12 MTHS TO RECOVER FROM THAT BUT I HAVE BEEN O.K SINCE WHICH IS GOOD.

I KNOW ALL ABOUT BOSSY CATS AS I SHARE ONE WITH BARBARA, A RED (BLONDE REALLY) BURMESE CALLED BROCKY WHO RULES THE ROOST. HE BELONGED TO A NEIGHBOUR & THOUGHT A COUPLE OF WOMEN WOULD BE A SOFT TOUCH, HE WASN'T WRONG. THE NEIGHBOUR LEFT & WENT TO PERTH & TOLD US TO KEEP HIM & HAVE NOW HAD HIM FOR ABOUT 9 YEARS. HE RULES OUR LIVES.

YOU ASKED ABOUT THE HEATHCOTE CRAN, BUT I CAN'T HELP MUCH IN THAT DIRECTION. THE LAST I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM WAS 1963/64 AFTER COUSIN MARGARET & HER TWO BOYS, TOM & HARRY, RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA AFTER DIVORCING HER HUSBAND, JOHN KING A FIRST OFFICER ON AN ENGLISH MERCHANT NAVY SHIP. WE DID STAY WITH HER IN CORNWALL, UK, BUT ONCE AGAIN HAVE LOST TOUCH.

WELL GEORGE ALL THE ABOVE DOES NOT SAY MUCH FOR 60 YEARS BUT TIME JUST SEEMS TO FLY. THROUGH THE YEARS I HAVE HEARD OF YOU OCCASIONALLY, AS IN MY YOUTH I WAS FRIENDLY WITH PETER HOLMAN & HIS WIFE AILSA. PETER DIED OF LEUKAEMIA & IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAVE MET UP WITH AILSA AGAIN.

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SO YOU WEREN'T LOST IN MY MIND, JUST GETTING ON WITH YOUR LIFE, BUT I AM GLAD WE HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH ONE ANOTHER AGAIN.

YOU WILL PROBABLY BE SICK OF READING ALL THIS BY NOW & MY POOR OLD HAND IS GETTING RATHER TIRED, ALSO THE OLD BRAIN, SO I WILL STOP & HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT EASTER IN GEELONG, ALL BEING WELL.

KIND REGARDS

James

2/12 PALM BEACH DVE
PATTERSON LAKES
3197

25-8-01

DEAR GEORGE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 15TH
AUGUST, RE GRANDFATHER JAMES RICHARD &
ETTIE AMENIA,

UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO
CONTRIBUTE EXCEPT THE ENCLOSED PHOTO COPIES WHICH
M. & I HAD DONE ABOUT 14 YEARS AGO. THEY ARE
NOT TOO GOOD BUT I HAVE NOT GOT THE ORIGINAL
DOCUMENTS & WHEN I SPOKE TO MY SISTER IN LAW
REGARDING THESE SHE WAS NOT VER HELPFUL, SO I
LET IT REST.

I HAVE DONE OUR BIT OF THE FAMILY ON
THE ENCLOSED LIST SO THIS MAYBE OF HELP TO
YOU. I CAN'T REMEMBER ETTIE VERY WELL, ONLY
THAT SHE WAS A KIND LADY & USED TO WANDER.
GRANDPA, I CAN REMEMBER MORE AS HE USED TO
STAY WITH US AT TIMES TO GIVE DOROTHY A BIT
OF A REST. HE WAS A NICE OLD MAN, SMOKING HIS
PIPE & READING HIS BOOKS, BUT OF COURSE I
WAS YOUNG & NOT A VERY TOLERANT TEENAGER
(WHAT'S CHANGED!) & DIDN'T BOTHER TO SPEND MUCH
TIME WITH HIM. SOMETIMES YOU REGRET THE THINGS
OF THE PAST, BUT YOU CAN'T GO BACK.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROJECT, LET ME KNOW IF YOU
THINK I COULD HELP.

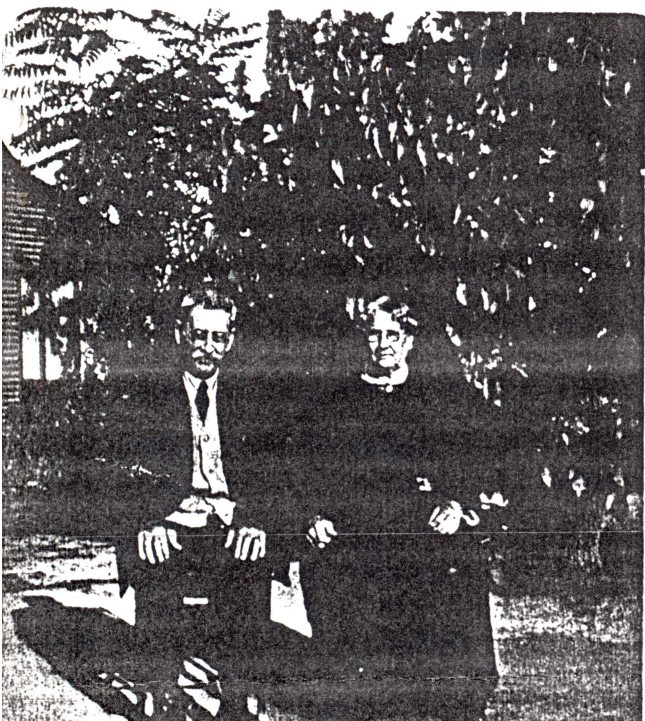
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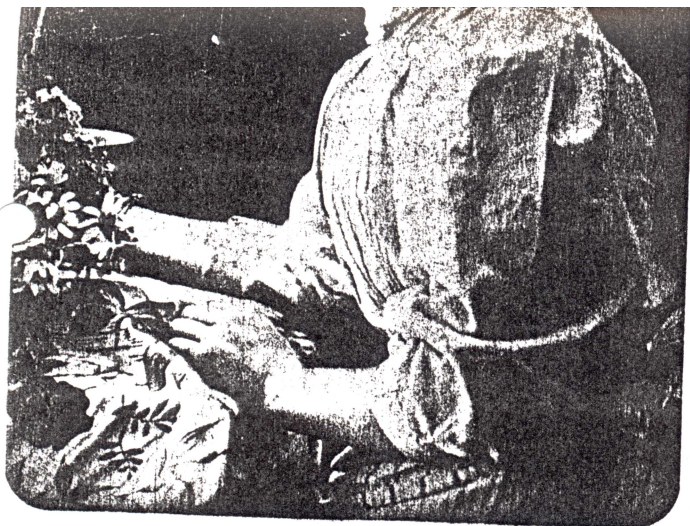


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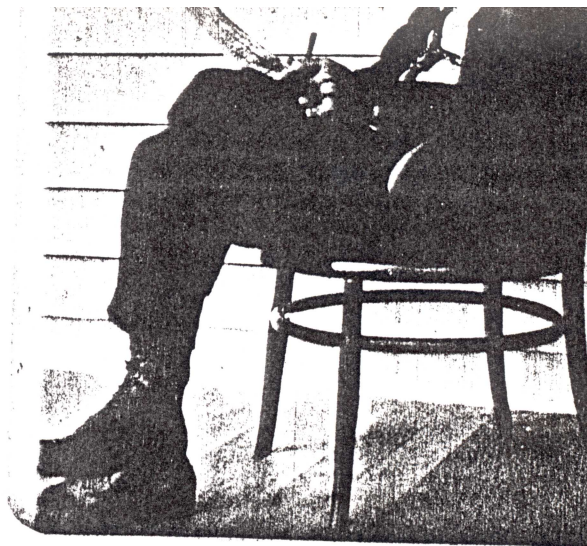


James Richard Pescott





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CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION.

I. *Rupert Pircoff*
 that *James Richard*
Thomas Prescott
Chilwell -

do hereby certify

, the child of

of

in Victoria, aged

3 months, has been successfully vaccinated by me.

Dated this *29th* day of *June* 18*86*

(Signed) *Rupert Pircoff*

Medical Officer for *Ashby & Hildane*



VICTORIA.

No. **18023**

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

CERTIFICATE OF A CHILD BEING SUFFICIENTLY EDUCATED.

I hereby certify that *James Prescott*

has been educated up to the standard of education required by "The Education Act 1872."

Dated at *Geelong* this *31st* day
 of *May* A.D. 187*7*

J. Baldwin

Inspector.

2/17 PALM BEACH DRIVE
PATTERSON LAKES.
11.9.01. 3197.

DEAR GEORGE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF
AUGUST 30th, & OF YOUR REQUEST FOR 9 REPRODUCTIONS
OF INFO SENT BY ME. BUT YOU ARE QUITE
CORRECT IN THINKING THAT ALL I HAVE IS PHOTOCOPIES,
& NOT VERY GOOD ONES AT THAT.

AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED I DID NOT HAVE
THE ORIGINALS & AM NOT SURE WHAT HAS HAPPENED
TO THEM. ALL MAX SENT TO ME AT THE TIME WAS
THE PHOTOCOPIES. I TRIED TO FIND OUT FROM MY
SISTER IN LAW, BUT DIDN'T GET A VERY GOOD HEARING
SO AM RELUCTANT TO PERSUE THE SUBJECT. I GET
ON QUITE WELL WITH HER BUT SHE HAS SOME FUNNY
WAYS, LIKE MOST OF US, I SUPPOSE.

WHEN I GET UP TO SEE HER I WILL ASK
AGAIN IF SHE HAS THE ORIGINALS. I PROBABLY WON'T
SEE HER FOR A MONTH OR TWO, AS SHE LIVES AN
HOUR'S DRIVE FROM ME & WE KEEP IN TOUCH BY
PHONE.

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT ON THIS ONE, BUT WILL
SEE WHAT I CAN DO LATER ON.

REGARDS

Jim. P.

2/17 PALM BEACH DVE
PATTERSON LAKES
21ST. SECT. 3197

DEAR GEORGE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION
TO MEET UP WITH YOU + SHIRLEY ON THURSDAY 11TH-
OCTOBER, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO ATTEND,

I HAVE ENTERED A GOLF TOURNAMENT
WHICH STARTS ON THAT DAY AND GOES FOR A
COUPLE OF WEEKS, MY PARTNER + SELF MANAGED
TO GET INTO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THIS PARTICULAR
GAME LAST YEAR, SO WE ARE TRYING FOR
BETTER THINGS THIS YEAR.

HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD TRIP + ENJOY
MUMMA MIA, & ALSO THE FAMILY RE-UNION, I
HAVEN'T SEEN MUMMA MIA YET, BUT AM BOOKED
TO SEE IT IN DECEMBER.

REGARDS *Josh*

11-11-2001

2/17 PAKM BENCH ONE
PATTERSON LAKES.

DEAR GEORGE

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SORRY I HAVE TAKEN SO LONG TO REPLY
TO YOUR LETTER OF 15th. OCT. WITH PHOTO'S ENCLOSED.

THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTO'S OF YOUR MEETING
WITH OUR COUSINS. I HAVE GATHERED A FEW PHOTO'S
TOGETHER WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO USE ON OUR
SIDE OF THE FAMILY & I ENCLOSE THEM FOR YOUR
USE. I HAVE ALSO RETURNED THE PHOTO COPY
YOU SENT WITH ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

I SPENT YESTERDAY IN THE CITY TRYING
TO GET ANSWERS FOR YOU ON JAMES RICHARD.
THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE WAS OF NO USE AS
THEY DID NOT HAVE WHAT WE WANTED, BUT THEY
SENT ME TO THE VICTORIAN STATE LIBRARY. THEY
WERE MOST HELPFUL & I WAS ABLE TO COME UP
WITH INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE USEFUL. I HAVE
ATTACHED A LIST OF EVENTS FOR YOU.

THE TROUBLE IS THAT TO OBTAIN THIS SORT OF
INFO, YOU NEED LOTS OF TIME AS THE OLD RECORDS
ARE STORED OUT OF SIGHT & HAVE TO BE CALLED
FOR BY AN ATTENDANT & DELIVERED BY ANOTHER
PERSON TO YOU FOR PERUSAL.

HOPE THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE AFTER, AS IT
TAKES IN A FEW YEARS AS TO WHAT HE DID FOR A
LIVING.

KIND REGARDS June (PESCOTT)

2/17 PALM BEACH DVE
PATTERSON LAKES.
3197.

DEAR GEORGE

16-01-02

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
TELLING US HOW IT WAS FOR YOU OVER
XMAS, I KEPT LOOKING AT MY MAP
OF YOUR AREA + WONDERING JUST HOW CLOSE
THE FIRES GOT TO YOUR PLACE.

IT DIDN'T SOUND GOOD ON THE
NEWS, NOR IN YOUR LETTER, BUT I
GUESS YOU ARE BETTER OFF THAN SOME
POOR FOLKS.

WHILST NSW WAS GOING THROUGH
THAT LOT IT WAS COLD, WET, + WINDY
IN MELBOURNE, WE WERE ALSO FEELING
SORRY FOR THE FAMILIES WHO HAD GONE
CAMPING OR ORGANISED A BBQ FOR XMAS,
VERY DIFFERENT TO LAST YEAR WHEN IT
WAS SO HOT.

MY SISTER IN LAW JUDY, HANDED
ME SOME OLD PHOTO'S A COUPLE OF WEEKS

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AGO + AMONGST THEM WAS THIS PHOTO
OF GRANDPA, TAKEN IN 1949 IN
COOLANGATTA, Q'LD. FROM WHAT I CAN
REMEMBER HE + A COUPLE OF HIS BOWLING
CRONIES WENT FOR A HOLIDAY UP THERE,

YOU CAN USE IT ON THE DISPLAY
BOARD IF YOU WISH + RETURN IT WHEN
YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH IT.

TRUST THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL

REGARDS. *Jim*

